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<b>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b>  Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	NATH-003
	Confirmation No.	6828
	First Named Inventor	KAWASAKI, GLENN
	Application Number	10/799,925
	Filing Date	March 11, 2004
	Group Art Unit	1635
	Examiner Name	SHIN, DANA H.
	Title:	"METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS IN A SAMPLE"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 27, 2006. A one-month extension of time is submitted herewith, making the response due on or before November 27, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.